



United States
Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency

Massachusetts State FSA Office
Jonathan Niedzielski, State Executive Director
445 West Street
Amherst, MA 01002
(413) 253-4500

Statement from SED Niedzielski on reopening of Massachusetts FSA offices

There is now an enacted FY 2014 continuing resolution that provides funding for the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). On Thursday, October 17, we began the process of an orderly start-up of farm program and farm loan activities for FY 2014. Thank you for your patience and support during the period that our services were unavailable.

We realize that the temporary lapse in service has created a backlog in requests and service delivery needs for Massachusetts customers. While this backlog was not created overnight and will not be addressed overnight, we are committed to a proactive and customer-focused approach to prioritize activities so that we can provide the service the public expects and deserves as quickly as possible. Please contact your local FSA office if you have any questions or need additional information.

Once again, thank you for your patience during this period. The Massachusetts FSA team is very excited to be back at work and serving the Commonwealth's farmers and producers.